

Louise believes that efforts to protect the nation from terrorism are vital, but that constitutional civil liberties need protection too. She has cosponsored legislation to protect legal protections for libraries and bookstores.

The Congresswoman has also cosponsored legislation to restore the rights of Habeus Corpus for anyone detained by the United States, whether domestic or foreign. The erosion of our civil rights cannot be condoned in the face of our efforts to protect our nation.

The USA Patriot Act, passed days after the terrible events of September 11, 2001, allows federal law enforcement officers to conduct "sneak and peek" searches without telling anyone. Louise is cosponsoring legislation to place limits on these searches.